



the TREE LINE

the official monthly publication of the BONSAI SOCIETY of PORTLAND

January 2010

Schedule of Upcoming Events

January 16 - 2 to 5 pm **Mentorship Program**
St. Paul room
St. Philip Neri, 2408 SE 16th Ave, Portland

January 26 - 7 to 9 pm **Monthly BSOP Meeting**
St. Philip Neri, 2408 SE 16th Ave, Portland

February 1 - 6:30 pm **BSOP Board Meeting**
Don Howse condo - 503 668 5834

February 5 - 7 **California Shohin Convention**
Santa Nella, California Call Jan Hettick for info

February 13 - 10 to 2 pm **OSK Meeting**
J.C. Kitchen Cabinets, Wilsonville

February 20 - 2 to 5 pm **Mentorship Program**

February 23 - 7 to 9 pm **Monthly BSOP Meeting**
St. Philip Neri, 2408 SE 16th Ave, Portland

January Monthly Meeting

The January meeting will be a whack and chat meeting. For those unfamiliar with this – Please bring a tree or trees that you would like to work on or that you could use advice on. Spend some time working on your trees or watching others work on their trees.

This is a great opportunity to learn from others if you are just starting out in bonsai or if you are a long time bonsai enthusiast, a great opportunity to share what you know.

Rotary

BSOP Mentorship Program - Bird Nest Spruce Study Group

When: Saturday, January 16th - 2-5pm

Where: St. Philip Neri Church - St. Paul room

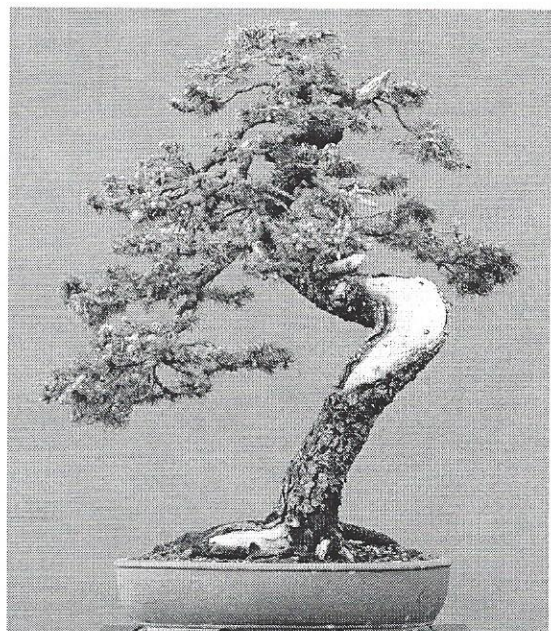
The BSOP has recently had access to some 15 plus year old Birds Nest Spruce. My opinion is that they lend themselves to being styled as semi-cascade. The cost for these is \$5.00. You will not get better material to practice on at that price (or even close). We are revolving the January mentorship meeting around the styling of these trees. I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.

We will have experienced bonsai members at the meeting, based on RSVP's, to assist you with styling the trees. Please contact Scott Tice or Lee Cheatle and let us know if you plan on being at January's mentorship meeting. Bring tools and wire.

For more information or directions:

Scott Tice 503-781-0310 cell

Lee Cheatle 503-312-4921



Out On A Limb

The month of January brings us a new year, as we are all well aware. It also is the annual calendar year for the Bonsai Society of Portland, and the first year of my 2-year term as President comes to a close.

We have had a very good year in 2009. The new Board was installed at the annual membership business meeting last January. The board meets each month on the first Monday, with a few exceptions, and conducts the club's ongoing business. We have seven dedicated individuals who comprise the Board's membership.

Peter Pelofske is editor of this fine publication that you are now reading. It has been delivered on a timely basis, and is of excellent craftsmanship. Peter has expressed his expertise in this field, and produced a fine publication. We all enjoy reading the Tree Line, and look forward to its appearance each month. Thank you Peter.

Patricia Daniels is the Board Secretary and of course records the minutes at the meetings. Patricia has done a fine job this year. She has also volunteered to help with special events put on by the club during the year, including the annual summer picnic, the Holiday Party, and the Spring Show. Thank you Patricia.

Brian Daniels has done a superb job keeping our finances in order and being attentive to our business needs. He and Patricia have worked together as a team on the various special events. Brian chaired the annual summer picnic. He attends to the processing of credit and debit card exchanges at our events, and especially at the auctions. Thank you Brian.

Margie Kinoshita has, as a fairly new member herself, taken on the task of managing our membership, under the guise of 2nd. VP. She keeps the membership information, puts together the roster, welcomes and introduces new members and visitors at our meetings, and other events, and keeps the name badges for all of us to access easily. She has also managed our electronic messaging service, and has assisted Peter in getting the newsletter delivered electronically. Thank you Margie.

Rory Zabel, as 1st. VP has given us an outstanding array of programs during the year. He has searched for speakers, and has been creative in setting the program schedule. Rory hosted the recent Holiday Party. Rory has put the chairs, tables, podium, and other necessary items out at the monthly meetings, and has hauled the heavy books for the library, and the kitchen items out of the basement of St. Phillip Neri Church for our meetings. He also stays late and cleans up after the meetings, putting the above listed items away, sweeping and vacuuming the floors, and turning out the lights long after everyone else has gone home. Thank you Rory.

Jan Hettick, as Past President has been invaluable to me and the board for her wisdom and for wielding the "pitchfork" that keeps us on task. She has a keen sense of what needs to be done, and is eager to express her opinion, which is welcome, and always positive. I have found Jan's advice to be amazing and am glad that she is so willing to participate.

Also Jan has done the managing of our auctions, making them run smoothly, with very little confusion. Jan has also assisted Barbara Devitt with the managing of the library. Thank you Jan for all your work and dedication.

That leaves me, as President, with not much to do except, open the meetings and to write a monthly column for the newsletter. My work has been easy because of these dedicated people listed above. There are many others too, who chair the committees and take on special tasks. Thank you to all of you who make BSOP run so smoothly, and successfully.

Lets have another successful and fun year in 2010. Happy New Year to all of you.

Don

HAPPY NEW YEAR from OSK!

The Oregon Shohin Kai started out the new year with a good sized group. Attending, along with our regular group, are new, enthusiastic members. We all took advantage of Anne's individual design ideas as she worked through the group. Thank you Anne.

A schedule of our upcoming meetings follows:

February 13, 2010

1. Shohin Saikei Project, lead by Anne Spencer, will be a selection of differing materials from Wee Tree Farms; participants can expect to take home 2-3 plantings for a cost of \$10 to \$15.
2. A report on the Shohin convention, and talk about future guest artists.
3. Start on other repotting. Be sure to bring your Trees, Pots, Soil and all necessary accessories.

March 6, 2010 Repotting - Bring your trees, pots and soil.

Thanks to Barbara for our large enough venue and to Anne for her Design and Growing ideas.

Notum

Library Report

As you know, BSOP has an extensive lending library. It is well used, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation with all the changes we have made lately. We just finished another inventory, and found a few more areas that need work. One problem was getting the whole library up from the basement – it was just too big. So, a number of old, unused items have been purged and it is a little more manageable size. Some library statistics:

- There are currently 260 items, consisting of books, magazines, VHS tapes and DVDs.
- We "lost" 31 items since our inventory in the Fall of 2008.
- There are currently 83 items checked out; 38 are due back in January and 45 are past due.
- Of those past due, 18 items are over 6 months past due; 11 have been out over a year.

One concern is the number of lost items, those taken without proper check out that have not yet been returned. To correct this, we ask that in the future you see the Librarian for check out. Also, the library will now be open between 6:30 and 7:00 and for a short time after the program ends, but it will be closed during the programs. This will help keep the noise level down and allow the Librarian to attend the program.

The number of over due items is an ongoing problem. Remember, books are due back by the NEXT meeting or as soon thereafter as possible. Once again, we ask that you please check your personal stack of reference material for BSOP property. To help find the missing items there will be a list of overdue books at the Librarian's table. Please check to see if your name is on the list. If you have a library item and can't get to the next meeting or two, give us a call. We can help get things back.

Also, we are looking for new items. We accept donations of current books and videos, and are trying to fill in the blanks in our magazine subscriptions. Check with the Librarian to find out what is needed. Also, we have funds available for purchase of new items. If you have read a new book seen a new video recently that you think may be of interest to other club members, please let us know.

Finally, we could use your help. If you can volunteer a few minutes before or after the meetings, we can

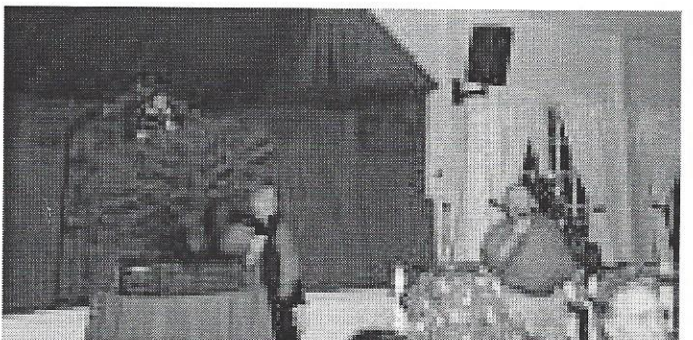
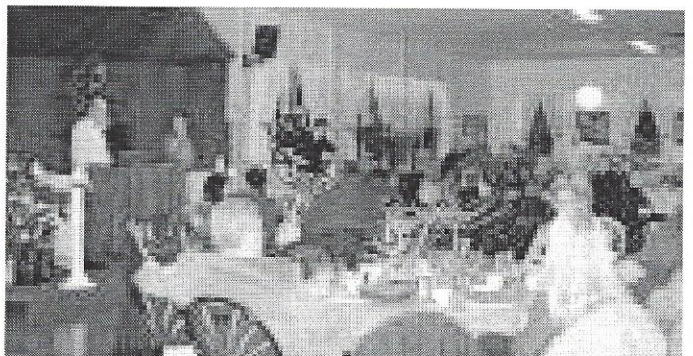
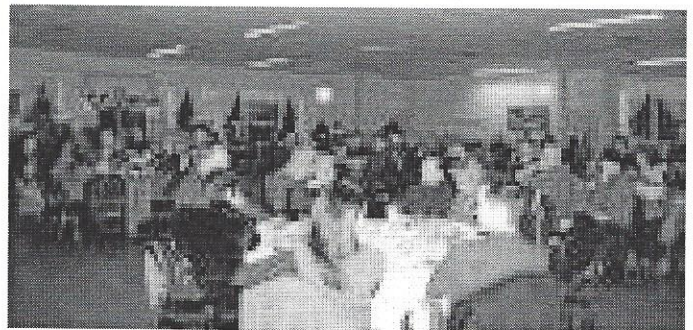
use you. The library is a great BSOP resource. If you haven't taken advantage of it yet, check us out at the January meeting.

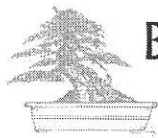
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The December 2009 Holiday Party was a success. Everyone enjoyed good food and conversation. Many items were available for oral and silent auction. There were some sweet deals and excellent trees to be had. Thanks to all who helped to make this event so enjoyable.

Here are some photos of the Holiday Party.





BONSAI SOCIETY of PORTLAND

The *Bonsai Society of Portland* has been an active group in the Portland area since 1966. It is organized to promote the art of bonsai through education, exhibits and social activities. The Society welcomes everyone interested in this unique and beautiful art form to share in the bonsai experience and develop both basic and advanced skills.



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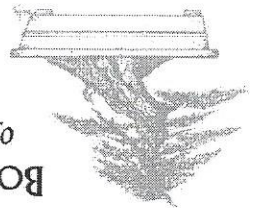
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The Bonsai Society of Portland meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month except in summer, when other group outings are arranged.

St. Phillip Neri Parish

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Visitors are always welcome!

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